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Fifth Annual 'ReMEember' Week Set At Cal Poly April 28-May 2

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- April is Sexual Assault Awareness month. As part of the month, Cal Poly Women's Programs is holding the annual Remember Week April 28-May 2. "The entire week is dedicated to action and awareness for all residents in San Luis Obispo with the aim of increasing personal safety," explained Cal Poly Student Community Services Coordinator Maya Andlig.

The week will feature self-defense workshops, a nighttime hike, a community awareness information fair, and a "Take Back The Night concert, barbeque and rally." The university will also hold a memorial tribute for student victims of violent crime, including Rachel Newhouse and Aundria Crawford, as well as Kristen Smart, a Cal Poly student who has been missing since 1999.

All events will be held on the Cal Poly campus and are free and open to the public.

The ReMEember Week 2003 Schedule is:**Monday, April 28**

. 11a.m. - noon: A silent memorial march for victims of sexual assault will be held on campus, beginning on Dexter Lawn and ending at the University Union.

. 6-9 p.m.: Evening tribute to victims of violence in the lounge of Yosemite Hall. The event will include stories, expert advice on prevention and an open microphone session.

Tuesday, April 29

- . 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.: ReMEMber Information Booth in the University Union.
- . 11 a.m. - noon: Self-defense workshop in the Rec Center Martial Arts Room (Building 118, Room 43).
- . 5 p.m.: Paint the Poly "P" Night Hike. Meet at the Cal Poly Women's Center, UU Room 217.

Wednesday, April 30

- . 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.: ReMEMber Information Booth, University Union.
- . Noon-1 p.m.: Red Handprint Ceremony, Dexter Lawn.

Thursday, May 1

- . 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Community Resource Fair, University Union, ReMEMber Information Booth.
- . 6- 11 p.m.: "Take Back the Night" concert, rally and barbecue, University Union Plaza. It's a night dedicated to celebrating the right to feel safe. "Take Back the Night" will include food, a flamenco band, games and poetry.

Friday, May 2

- . 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: ReMEMber Information Booth, University Union.

Cal Poly's ReMEMber program started in spring 1999 to support survivors of sexual assault. ReMEMber Week 2003 is geared not only toward remembering those who have fallen victim to violence or abuse but is also focused on violent crime prevention, stressed Pat Harris, Student Life and Leadership director. "We want to supply community members with the information and skills they need to be safe in their surroundings," Harris said.

For more details call Cal Poly Women's Programs at (805) 756-2600.

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